

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT TACOMA

TONY WRIGHT,

Plaintiff,

v.

SANDRA CARTER, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. C06-5151RJB

ORDER DENYING COUNSEL

This Civil Rights action has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B). Before the court is plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel (Dkt. # 23).

There is no right to have counsel appointed in cases brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Although the court, under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d), can request counsel to represent a party proceeding *in forma pauperis*, the court may do so only in exceptional circumstances. Wilborn v. Escalderon, 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986); Franklin v. Murphy, 745 F.2d 1221, 1236 (9th Cir. 1984); Aldabe v. Aldabe, 616 F.2d 1089 (9th Cir. 1980). A finding of exceptional circumstances requires an evaluation of both the likelihood of success on the merits and the ability of the plaintiff to articulate his claims *pro se* in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved. Wilborn, 789 F.2d

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1 at 1331.

2 Plaintiff has demonstrated an adequate ability to articulate his claims *pro se*. Moreover, it
3 appears that this case does not involve exceptional circumstances which warrant appointment of
4 counsel. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Counsel (Dkt. # 23) is **DENIED**.

5 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff, and to counsel for defendants
6 and to remove (Dkt. # 23) from the court's calendar.

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8 DATED this 19th, day of October, 2006.

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10 /s/ J. Kelley Arnold
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12 United States Magistrate Judge
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